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For: **BACTERIA ATTENUATED BY A NON-REVERTING
MUTATION IN EACH OF THE AROC, OMPF AND OMPC
GENES, USEFUL AS VACCINES**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 6, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--,
Claim 8, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--,
Claim 9, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--,
Claim 10, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--,
Claim 12, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--,
Claim 13, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 11" to --claim 1--,
Claim 15, lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 1 to 11" to --claim 1--.

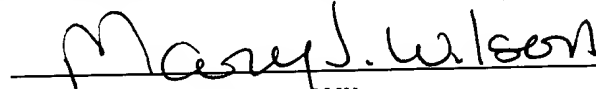
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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